Assistance for elementary education

751. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Government has asked the Central Government for special financial assistance for overall development of elementary education of SCs, STs and minority students;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time-frame within which the above proposal would be considered and approval conveyed to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The Government of Orissa is already implementing a major centrally sponsored scheme for elementary education including addressing the educational needs of SC, ST and minority children in the 6-14 years age group through the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Central University in M.P.

†752. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Universities in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have any proposal under consideration for opening a Central University in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so, by when the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) There are 24 Central Universities, of which 23 Universities are under the purview of the Ministry of Human Resource Development as per the State/Union Territory-wise break-up given in the Statement (*See* below). Subject to finalization of the XIth Plan, there is a proposal to establish one Central University each in 16 such States, as have no Central University, including Madhya Pradesh. Further, a Bill for setting up a Central Tribal University with its Head Quarters at Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh, is in the process of being introduced in the current session of the Parliament.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

State/UT-wise number of Central Universities in the country

Sl. No.	State/UT	Number of Central Universities
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
3.	Assam	2
4.	Delhi	4
5.	Maharashtra	1
6.	Manipur	1
7.	Meghalaya	1
8.	Mizoram	1
9.	Nagaland	1
10.	Pondicherry	1
11.	Sikkim	1
12.	Tripura	1
13.	Uttar Pradesh	4
14.	West Benal	1
	TOTAL:	23

Commission for higher education

753. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Commission for Higher Education;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to merge the University Grants Commission in the new Commission;

(c) whether any draft Bill is ready on the subject; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) A proposal to set up 'National Commission on Higher Education' was formulated for inter-departmental consultation. However, the same requires reformulation in the light of the observations of various stake-holders, involved.